

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 1-5, 9 and 10. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims.

In the recent Office Action the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 1-5, 9 and 10 wherein the pool skimmer screen frame is now consistently referred to as the -- support frame -- throughout all of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-6, 9 and 10, as amended, meet the specific requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattson, Jr. et al. (US 6,760,931), taken alone. The indication by the Examiner that Claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is noted with appreciation. The indication by the Examiner that Claim 8 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim 7 is also noted with appreciation.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 8, and intervening Claim 7. Applicant has also amended Claims 9 and 10 to overcome the 35

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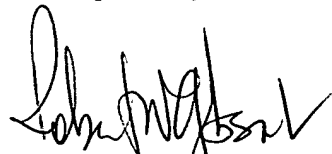
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U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that for at least these reasons, amended independent Claims 1 and 9 and their corresponding dependent Claims, 2-5 and 10, respectively, are allowable over the prior art applied of record.

The claims in this application have been revised to more particularly define Applicant's unique construction in view of the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and for the above-noted reasons is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Petition for One-Month Extension of Time,
Check for \$60.00